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The KCDP did receive many cash donations for Obama merchandise that the KCDP bought and then had at our headquarters where people gave suggested donations for merchandise that included - T-shirts, bumper stickers, buttons and yard signs.

By federal law, once we surpassed the threshold of \$5,000 in merchandise we had to file for FEC status.

We did not collect data from people, as everything was either \$10 for T-shirts, \$5 for yard signs, \$3 for buttons and \$1 for bumper stickers.

We are not required to collect data of people on amounts less than \$50.

And we did not. We did give the \$5000 out of these funds to Cooney for Congress which is the maximum amount allowed. We correctly noted that in our report.

This is an obvious attempt by the Michigan Republican Party to pick on a small county democratic party. We are a volunteer organization and do not have paid full time staff. We cannot afford legal staff either.

For your information; we have began the process of closing our federal account and will close it shortly.

Thank you,

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